

REMARKS

Claims 29 and 38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 29 and 38 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 19, 27, 28, 39 and 40 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in these claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 6, rejects claims 19, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and as being indefinite. The cancellation of claims 19, 39 and 40 renders this rejection moot.

The Office Action, in paragraph 10, rejects claims 27-29 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07-135079 to Watanuki et al. (hereinafter "Watanuki"). Additionally, the Office Action, in paragraph 12, rejects claims 19, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanuki. The cancellation of claims 19, 27, 28, 39 and 40 renders the rejection of these claims moot. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Office Action asserts that the applied prior art references teach the features as positively recited in pending claims 29 and 38. However, the applied prior art references do not teach a hole injection layer between the pixel electrode and the luminescent layer, wherein the luminescent layer does not include any metal deactivator. Instead, Watanuki teaches that the pixel electrode and the light emission layer are disposed in contact with one another, and therefore, cannot reasonably be considered to teach a hole injection layer between the pixel electrode and the luminescent layer, as positively recited in amended claim 29.

For at least the above reasons, Watanuki cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of all of the features recited in at least independent claim

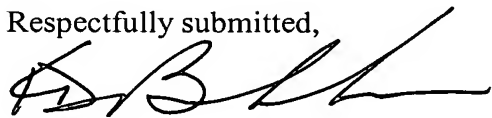
29. Further, claim 38 would also not have been suggested by the applied prior art reference for at least the respective dependence of this claim on allowable independent claim 29, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 29 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) as being unpatentable over the applied prior art references are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim[s] 29 and 38 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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